

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, held on the 20th day of July, 2010, the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2687

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, the Gulfport City Council has enacted various ordinances over time regulating the destruction and/or removal of certain protected trees within the City of Gulfport, which ordinances have been codified as Chapter 8, Article I of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the City's tree canopy was greatly damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina which made landfall along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in August 2005, causing both wind and water damage to the trees of the Coast and, more specifically, to trees located in the City of Gulfport; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced and anticipates continuing to experience an increase in development of vacant lands that are forested both heavily and lightly; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced and anticipates continuing an increase in single family/duplex/townhome residential development/subdivision development wherein properties over and above two (2) acres are cleared for the purpose of construction of single family/duplex/townhome residential units; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 8, Article I, which comprise the City's Tree Protection Ordinance, are in need of strengthening in order to protect the City's existing tree canopy and to encourage the growth of that canopy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the matters and things set forth in the above preamble are hereby accepted as stated as the findings of the Gulfport City Council.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 8, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

SECTION 3. All provisions of Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect as heretofore

provided.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after the date of passage should it pass unanimously; otherwise, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after the date of passage. It shall be published according to law and shall be spread on the minutes of the Gulfport City Council.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk, was introduced by Roland, seconded by Councilmember Holmes-, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Casey	None	None
Roland		
Holmes-Hines		
Walker		
Dombrowski		
Flowers		
Pucheu		

WHEREUPON, the President declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted this the 20th day of July, 2010.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED:

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

The above and foregoing Ordinance was submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 21st day of July, 2010.

APPROVED:

MAYOR